



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

I have been closely monitoring Hurricane Harvey's devastation and praying for all those affected. Many of the images from Texas have been horrific, but many have also shown the best of America. Thank you to the first responders and the National Guard – they are American heroes – and to the many Granite Staters who are stepping up to help out. Here's the Federal Trade Commission's [official guidance](#) on how to help Harvey victims.

### **Working together to address PFC contamination**

Thanks to state officials and concerned community members for meeting with me to talk about how we can work together to address PFC contamination with needed urgency, and to Rep. Mindi Messmer for showing me some of the affected sites.



[Read more in the Portsmouth Herald.](#)

### **Spotlight on Medicaid and community health**

I enjoyed discussing how Medicaid expansion and community health centers are working to improve access to care in New Hampshire at Wednesday's roundtable with providers at Goodwin Community Health in Somersworth.



[Read more in Fosters.](#)

### **Around the District**

Throughout August, I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet with engaged citizens at home in New Hampshire.



On Friday, I enjoyed welcoming Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to Wolfeboro. We held a town hall meeting with Granite Staters to spotlight challenges facing our rural communities.



Earlier in the week, I had a productive meeting with the Home Medical Equipment and Services Association of New England. We agree that federal policies must not exclude or penalize local medical equipment suppliers, because these small businesses are able to provide personalized support for Granite Staters who rely on complex equipment like oxygen tanks or wheelchairs.



I also got to spend time with the New Hampshire State Association of Letter Carriers. We stand together against this Administration's threats to penalize federal workers' retirement savings and cut benefits.

## Concerning Administration actions

Last week, I spoke out about several concerning actions taken by the Trump administration.

The White House announced that it [will scrap](#) an Obama-era rule to break down pay data by gender, which would have provided information we need to understand and address the pay gap. Women deserve equal pay for equal work. By canceling wage transparency, President Trump shows disregard for the economic challenges women and their families face.

The Department of Education has [chosen to appoint](#) an executive from a for-profit college that was recently penalized for fraud to head its anti-fraud division. It's our job as public officials to stand up to any for-profit colleges that try to defraud students and taxpayers. This appointment is unacceptable.

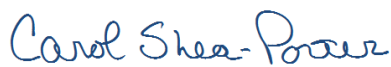
And on Monday, I [sent a letter](#) with over 140 of my House colleagues urging the President to reverse the disgraceful trans ban and support ALL of our troops.

## Closing thoughts

Today, New Hampshire celebrates Labor Day. From repairing our nation's submarines at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to teaching the next generation of leaders in classrooms throughout the state, workers are the people who make our state and our country strong. I will always stand up for working people and advocate for workers' collective bargaining rights.

Tomorrow, Congress will return to Washington with just a few weeks to finalize appropriations bills before the current Continuing Resolution expires September 30th. In addition, it must reauthorize critical programs, including the Medicaid Children's Health Insurance Program; act quickly on a Hurricane Harvey relief package; and work across the aisle to stabilize the health insurance market. I will be working to make sure Congress does its job on these critical issues.

Best wishes,



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